

REMARKS

Claims 10-13 and 18-19 remain in the referenced application. Claims 1-4, 9, 33-35, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and are canceled. Claims 5-8 and 36-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and are canceled. Claims 10-13, 18, and 19 have been allowed.

Claims 1-4, 9, 33-35, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Reynolds, et al., (U.S. Patent No: 3,441,176, hereinafter referred to as "Reynolds"). Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-4, 9, 33-35, and 40 are canceled. As such, the rejections of claims 1-4, 9, 33-35, and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are moot.

Claims 5-8 and 36-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Reynolds in view of Schroeder (U.S. Patent No: 6,574,981, hereinafter referred to as "Schroeder"). Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 5-8 and 36-39 are canceled. As such, the rejections of claims 5-8 and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that allowed claims 10-13 and 18-19 remain in the subject application. Applicant further respectfully asserts that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and hereby respectfully requests such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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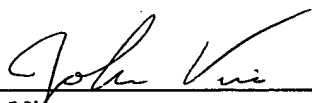
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